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1. REQUEST FOLLOWING BE PASSED TO BELGIUM DELEGATES ATTENDING SUBJECT MEETING. IF BELGIANS CONCUR, ALSO MADE DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER DELEGATES.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ECMT/OECD ROAD RESEARCH PROGRAMME ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND U.K. DRAFT REPORT ON "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: COORDINATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF RESEARCH AND POLICY AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL". IN GENERAL,

WE AGREE AND SUPPORT APPROACH.

3. KEY ISSUE RAISED IN THESE DOCUMENTS RELATES TO COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RESEARCH AND POLICY ACTIONS. VALUE OF MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND GROUPS HAS BEEN RAISED MANY TIMES PREVIOUSLY.

4. U.S. WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE THE BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY PARTICIPATING IN APPROPRIATE MEETINGS PERHAPS ON A YEARLY BASIS, IF PROMISING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE DEVELOPED. FOLLOWING ARE SOME ORGANIZATIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION:

A. FUTURE JOINT EFFORTS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON AREAS OF CONCERN IDENTIFIED BY EXISTING ECMT AND CCMS REPORTS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITH A VIEW TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD ENABLE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS.

B. BOTH RESEARCHERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF POLICY MAKING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SHOULD MEET TOGETHER ANNUALLY TO REVIEW REPORTS OF NEW RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION. THEY COULD ASSESS NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS, MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN, AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON PLANNED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS. A REPORT OF THE MEETING COULD BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. ACTION ON SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE UP TO THOSE RECEIVING THE REPORT.

5. THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE BASED ON OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CCMS PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY. INGERSOLL

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